

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 178039
ORIGIN ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10
L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 HA-05 IO-13
TRSE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 (ISO) R

DRAFTED BY ARA/ECA:RCGRAHAM:AF
APPROVED BY ARA/ECA:RWZIMMERMANN
-----028303 142047Z /44

O 141513Z JUL 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 178039

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, PA

SUBJECT: TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR
LOPEZ ESCOBAR.

REF: STATE 175686

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE GIVEN TO
AMBASSADOR LOPEZ ESCOBAR LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF JULY
13.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS THE REPRESENTA-
TION MADE TO AMBASSADOR LOPEZ ESCOBAR ON JULY 12, 1978,
ON THE LAINO AFFAIR.

WE DEPLORE THE OFFICIAL ABDUCTION AND THE REPORTS OF
MISTREATMENT OF MR. LAINO. THE INITIAL REFUSAL BY
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS DETENTION
FURTHER EXACERBATED THE AFFAIR. THE FACT THAT HE WAS
ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER RETURNING FROM THE UNITED
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 178039

STATES SUGGESTS THAT HIS STATEMENTS HERE WERE THE CAUSE
OF HIS ARREST. IT HAS LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE

ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST MR. LAINO AS A DELIBERATE
RESPONSE TO HIS HAVING MET WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHILE
HERE. WE VIEW THE INCIDENT AS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE
AS IT MARKS A BREAK IN THE GENERALLY IMPROVING PATTERN

OF HUMAN RIGHTS BEHAVIOR IN PARAGUAY. SUCH ACTS CALL INTO QUESTION THE ABILITY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO HAVE A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT.

WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT DR. FRANCISCO DE VARGAS, WHO WAS ARRESTED AT THE SAME TIME, WAS FREED ON JULY 10, AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT MRS. LAINO WILL HAVE ACCESS TO HER HUSBAND DURING HIS DETENTION.

PENDING DISPOSITION OF ANY JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION OF MR. LAINO, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY IS ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO FACILITATE HIS PROMPT RELEASE SO THAT THIS INCIDENT CAN BE VIEWED AS AN ABERRATION IN AN IMPROVING PATTERN OF HUMAN RIGHTS. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXT, HUMAN RIGHTS, AIDE MEMOIRE, ARRESTS, POLITICAL LEADERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE178039
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: RCGRAHAM:AF
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780289-0807
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780758/aaaabxaj.tel
Line Count: 77
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 98e40773-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 175686
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2001834
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR LOPEZ ESCOBAR.
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, PA, (LOPEZ ESCOBAR, MARIO), (LAINO, DOMINGO)
To: ASUNCION
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/98e40773-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014